

HOUSE BILL 1442

By Scroggs

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 13, relative to criminal injuries compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-13-106(a), is amended by deleting the word "and" at the end of subdivision (6); by deleting the period at the end of subdivision (7) and substituting instead the word and punctuation "; and"; and by adding the following language as new subdivisions, to be designated as follows:

(8) In case of the death of a victim who is unmarried and under twenty-four (24) years of age, unreimbursed or unreimbursable mental health counseling or treatment made necessary by the death of the victim for a family member who provided substantial support or needed services to the victim at the time of the victim's death; and

(9) Grief counseling as provided for in §40-38-104; and

(10) In homicide cases, the claims commission shall have discretion to award unreimbursed or unreimbursable health care costs made necessary by the death of the victim for immediate family members of the victim.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-13-106(e), is amended by deleting the language "eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000)" and substituting instead the language "twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-13-106(h), is amended by deleting the language "eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000)" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.